THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Exports of feature films above the value of Rs. 20 lakhs are canalised through the National Film Development Corporation. Canalised exports, after registering a decline, have started looking up in 1987-88. These exports have been of the value of Rs. 640.60 lakhs during 1987-88 (upto February, 1988) as against Rs. 572.18 lakhs during 1986-87. Likewise, the corresponding figures or direct exports of NFDC are Rs. 142.18 lakhs and Rs. 119.07 lakhs respectively. The reasons for decline in exports in earlier years have been video-piracy and shift in consumer preference.

The working of NFDC was examined by the One-Man Committee of Dr. Asok Mitra in 1986. Its recommendations, most of which were accepted by the Government, have been/are being implemented. Therefore, setting up of another Committee is not contemplated.

Closure of Government of India Printing Presses

*348. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down a number of Government of India Printing Presses in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) With a view to streamlining the working of the Government of India Presses and to make them economically viable and also as a part of the process of shedding non-essential activities, a decision was taken by the Government to close down four Government of India Presses—three in Calcutta (including the Government of India Forms Store, Calcutta) and one in Shimla. This decision is however, under active review.

Central Schemes for Small and Marginal Farmers

*349. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes taken up by the Central Government for the benefit of small and marginal farmers, since the commencement of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government have made any analysis of the benefits which accrued to these farmers as a result of these schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the shortcomings, if any, in the said schemes and the steps being taken to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The details of the Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes to benefit the small and marginal farmers being implemented during the 7th Five Year Plan alongwith the benefits are given below:—

Name of the Scheme	Benefits accrued
1	2
(1) Assistance to small and marginal farmers for increasing agricultural production.	(i) 3.68 lakh wells/tubewells constructed.